

Notice of Allowability

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 11/28/2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-4 and 6-20.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____


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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

2. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Peter S. Weissman (Reg. No. 40,220) on December 11, 2005.

3. The application has been amended as follows:

In the claims

Claim 2-4, 6-11, and 12

2. (currently amended) The ~~computer program~~ email system of claim 1, wherein said second email is attach to said first email.

3. (currently amended) The ~~computer program~~ email system of claim 1, wherein the at least one secondary recipient(s) are the same as the at least one primary recipient(s).

4. (currently amended) The ~~computer program~~ email system of claim 1, further comprising a plurality of primary recipients, wherein the at

least one secondary recipient is one of the plurality of primary recipients.

6. (currently amended) The ~~computer program~~ email system of claim 1, wherein the first message and second message are substantially simultaneously received by the computer program for one of the primary recipient and the secondary recipient.
7. (currently amended) The ~~computer program~~ email system of claim 1, wherein the first email and the second email are transmitted to each of the at least one primary recipient and the at least one secondary recipient as a single electronic mail.
8. (currently amended) The ~~computer program~~ email system of claim 1, further comprising a primary tab associated with first message and a secondary tab associated with the second message, wherein the primary tab and secondary tab selectively display the first message and the second message, respectively.
9. (currently amended) The ~~computer program~~ email system of claim 1, wherein at least one of the at least one primary recipient receives the first message, but not the second message.

10. (currently amended) The ~~computer program~~ email system of claim 1, wherein said ~~computer program~~ email system comprises a mail service.
11. (currently amended) The ~~computer program~~ email system of claim 1, wherein said first email has a first address field identifying the at least one primary recipient and said second email has a second address field identifying the at least one secondary recipient.
12. (currently amended) An electronic mail message comprising:
 - a primary window created by a sender, the primary window having a primary message with at least one primary recipient; and,
 - second window created by the sender as the sender creates the primary window, the secondary window having a secondary message with at least one secondary recipient, the secondary message different from the primary message, wherein the secondary window is separate from and associated with the primary window and processed substantially simultaneously with the primary window.
18. (currently amended) The ~~computer program~~ email system of claim 2, wherein the secondary window is sent to, but not displayed to, the primary recipient.

Allowable Subject Matter

4. Claims 1-4 and 6-20 are allowed.

5. This communication warrants no examiner's reason for allowance, as applicant's reply makes evident the reason for allowance, satisfying the record as whole as required by rule 37 CFR 1.104 (e). In this case, the substance of applicant's remarks filed on December 30, 2005 and November 28, 2006 with respect to the amended claim limitations point out the reason claims are patentable over the prior art of record. Thus, the reason for allowance is in all probability evident from the record and no statement for examiner's reason for allowance is necessary (see MPEP 13202.14).

6. Any comments considered necessary by applicant ~~must be~~ submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Nghi V. Tran whose telephone number is (571) 272-4067. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Zarni Maung can be reached on (571) 272-3939. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571) 273-8300.

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